

REMARKS

Claims 33-64 are now in the application. The allowance of claims 33-62 and 64 is hereby noted with appreciation.

Claim 63 has been amended to recite "atom transfer" in place of "living". Support can be found, for example, at page 9, line 35 and page 10, lines 24-25 of the specification.

The amendments to the claims do not introduce any new matter.

Claim 63 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hawker et al., Macromol., Chem. Phys. 198, 155-166(1997)(herein after also referred to as "Hawker").

Hawker does not anticipate claim 63. Hawker merely suggests a polymerization system using nitroxide. As discussed in detail on page 9, line 28 to page 10, line 2 of the present specification, the polymerization suggested by Hawker using the nitroxide clearly differs from the atom transfer radical polymerization process recited in claim 63 as now amended. Hawker does not even remotely suggest atom transfer radical polymerization. Accordingly, Hawker fails to anticipate or render obvious claim 63.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

Respectfully submitted,

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